



Ash and Debris Cleanup Guidance

Attached are guidance documents issued by the Cal/EPA Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) that outline their policies regarding the handling of debris and ash that may contain hazardous waste.

Important issues being addressed are:

1. Health risk associated with general population exposure to ash. The Cal/EPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is developing an information sheet on this subject.
2. Health risk associated with exposure of ash to children (play areas). OEHHA is developing an information sheet on this subject.
3. Dead animal disposal. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)/RWQCB is modifying the document they developed on Newcastle Disease for relevance to this operation.
4. Landfill permit and capacity violations. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) is developing guidance on options available to address these concerns.
5. Ash collection and disposal in urban areas. The SWRCB has indicated the San Diego RWQCB will represent the regions on this issue. Attached is a copy of the guidance they previously issued in cooperation with San Diego County.
6. State agency contacts for various disciplines. This list will be distributed on Monday November 3.

Cal/EPA is currently working on the following issues:

- Cal/EPA will have a representative at the State Operation Center over the weekend. He will be available from 0700 to 1900. The Cal/EPA phone number at the SOC is (916) 845-8858.
- On Monday November 3 Cal/EPA will have a representative at the Disaster Field Office (DFO) in Pasadena. The CIWMB will be providing the staff for this DFO.
- The State Office of Emergency Services (OES) is arranging a meeting to be held Wednesday November 5 at the DFO to discuss erosion problems.
- On Thursday November 6 the State OES will be sponsoring a local, state, and federal agency meeting at the DOF to develop a debris removal plan.

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